

The Honorable Dave Hinson
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 411A
201 West Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Hinson:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, 2016, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy, regarding EPA's proposed decision to designate the Franklin County Missouri Area as "nonattainment" for the 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). I am writing on behalf of the EPA to acknowledge receipt of your letter.

Your letter requests that the EPA use the best scientific data available to determine the air quality around the Labadie Energy Center in Franklin County, and that we designate the area "unclassifiable" so that additional data can be collected to inform a correct designation. Your letter also includes data collected at two air monitors installed in April, 2015 at locations around the Labadie Energy Center indicating no recent exceedances of the standard have been recorded.

Your letter will be included as a public submission in the federal rulemaking docket (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0464), and we will consider your comments in making our final designation decision for the Franklin Country Missouri Area. Under the direction of a court order, the EPA must finalize the designation for this area for the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS no later than July 2, 2016.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Mathias of the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5310.

Sincerely,

Janet G. McCabe
Acting Assistant Administrator